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U.S. FAULTED FOR PROLONGED MADRID CONFERENCE

LD112123 Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian 1445 GMT 11 Jul 83

[From "The World Today" program presented by political observer Boris Kalyagin -- audio only]

[Text] Hello, comrades! At last, good news from Madrid! It is reported in diplomatic circles that the final document of the meeting of representatives of the states which took part in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is virtually ready. The text of this document, amounting to about 30 pages, is a combination of the draft proposed on 15 March by a group of neutral and nonaligned countries, and comprise proposals, formulated on 17 June by the Spanish Government. It provides in particular for the holding of a conference on disarmament in Europe at the beginning of 1984 in Stockholm.

The talks in Madrid have gone on for more than 2 and 1/2 years. Such a prolonged discussion, which more than once threatened to break down altogether, is explained by the position of the delegations of the United States and some of its allies, who tried to turn the Madrid meeting into an arena of confrontation between East and West and to make use of it for attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of the socialist countries. To this very day, the U.S. representatives, as THE TIMES of London reports, are continuing to muddy the waters in the corridors of the meeting, talking of their objections, trying even at the last moment to wring unilateral concessions from the Soviet Union. However, their attempts to torpedo the conference on this occasion met with quite marked opposition from the West European countries, which would like to leave the possibility for further dialogue open. As LE MONDE of Paris writes, quoting diplomatic sources, the compromise solution which has now been reached has to be approved by all the governments, which will take several days. In the event of a positive result, the signing of the final document of the Madrid meeting could take place between 18 and 21 July. It is expected that the foreign ministers of the countries which participated in the meeting will officiate at this ceremony. THE TIMES stresses that if the final document is adopted, it will be the first substantial agreement between East and West since 1979. It could be a good example of the fact that agreement is possible, even in conditions of acute disagreements, provided both sides display political goodwill.

U.S. ARMS CONTROL AGENCY SEEN DETERIORATING

LD111529 Moscow TASS in English 1514 GMT 11 Jul 83

[Text] Moscow July 11 TASS -- TASS commentator Vladimir Vashedchenko writes:

The Washington correspondent of the British DAILY TELEGRAPH has drawn attention to a very revealing fact: under the Reagan administration the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has fallen into total decay for all practical purposes. One of the signs of this is the reduction of its annual budget by more than 30 per cent and the dismissal of a large number of its staffers.

It is already for long that the Reagan administration is engaged in a gradual dismantling and lessening of the role of this official government agency. This process began with a replacement of its leadership. After a sharp and protracted struggle with Congress President Reagan succeeded in getting Kenneth Adelman, a professed opponent of disarmament, an exponent of a policy from positions of strength and a militant advocate of the arms race, appointed to the post of director of the agency.

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LD141426 Moscow TASS in English 1301 GMT 14 Jul 83

[Text] Geneva July 14 TASS -- A plenary meeting of the delegations of the USSR and the USA was held here today. It concluded the current round of the talks on the limitation of nuclear arms in Europe. It was agreed that the talks will be continued on September 6.

U.S. Rejects 'Peaceful' Overtures

LD142307 Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1800 GMT 14 Jul 83

[Text] The latest round of the Soviet-American talks on limiting nuclear armaments in Europe ended today.

Here is a late news commentary. Our Geneva correspondent Vsevolod Shishkovskiy is at the microphone:

Regrettably one has to state that this present round of the Soviet-American talks on limiting nuclear armaments in Europe, which has just ended here, has not yielded the positive results that are being awaited from this important dialogue by the broad circles of progressive world public. This is to be explained by the American side's open unwillingness to conduct constructive talks and by Washington's attempts to achieve military superiority over the Soviet Union.

The United States is attempting to explain its refusal to strive to achive a mutually-acceptable accord by the allegedly inflexible position of the Soviet side. However, facts are a stubborn thing. It is enough just to recall the recent proposal by us that nuclear armaments be frozen at their existing levels. This freeze would provide for a halt to the quantitative buildup of all the components of the sides' nuclear arsenals and also their commitment not to deploy new classes and types of nuclear weapons. In addition each side would introduce a moratorium on all testing of nuclear munitions as well as on the testing of new classes and types of nuclear delivery vehicles. There have not as yet been any positive responses to this and other peaceful calls by the Soviet Union.

It is becoming clearer, all the time, the Geneva VOIX OUVRIERE writes in this connection, that the present American Administration is pursuing a course aimed not at the achievement of accord but at the implementation of its programs for building up strategic and other armaments and for deploying new medium-range missiles in West Europe.

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[Article by Hermann Axen, member of the Politburo and secretary of the SED Central Committee: "Don't Miss the Opportunity"]

[Text] Berlin, July -- The appeal of the Moscow meeting of leading party and state figures of the Warsaw Pact states continues to arouse a wide response among the world public. That is only natural. The international situation is undergoing exacerbation in terms of scale and pace. The struggle between the two opposing lines in world politics -- the course of strengthening peace, arms limitation, and disarmament pursued by the socialist states and other peace-loving forces, and the course of confrontation and the arms race which is followed by the most aggressive imperialist circles headed by the United States -- is becoming very acute. That is why the peoples throughout the world display a natural interest in the evaluation of the international situation formulated in the Moscow statement and in the proposals put forward for ensuring peace.

Six months elapsed between the Prague conference of the Warsaw Pact Political Consultative Committee and the Moscow meeting. The course of events during that period fully confirmed the principled assessment contained in the Prague Political Declaration to the effect that the U.S. Administration, together with the most aggressive circles of imperialism, are not only continuing to move away from the policy of detente and toward confrontation, but are accelerating that course, stepping up their dangerous actions. The Reagan administration and the governments of other imperialist countries are now no longer just talking about their plans and principles aimed at the attainment of military superiority over socialism, but are putting them into practice. Unambiguous evidence of this is provided by the decisions of the conference of heads of state and government of the seven leading capitalist countries in Williamsburg and the recent conferences of the NATO countries in Brussels and Paris. These conferences reaffirmed with cynical frankness the decision to deploy the Pershing II first-strike nuclear systems and cruise missiles in West Europe beginning in December 1983. The construction of launching installations is being stepped up. By the end of this year the first units in these systems, which are aimed at wrecking the military-strategic equilibrium, are to be brought to combat readiness. At the same time the production and deployment of new mass destruction weapons of the MX type in the United States, of Trident II submarines, and of chemical and neutron weapons are being implemented, and the militarization of space has begun, as well as the qualitative modernization of conventional arms.

The superarms buildup is accompanied by machinations aimed at extending NATO's geographical sphere of influence as well as the spheres of influence of the main imperialist powers and at complicating existing seats of conflict and creating new ones in the Near East, southern Africa, Central America, and the Caribbean. International reaction is waging undeclared wars against Afghanistan and Kampuchea. At the same time the policy of economic sanctions against socialist countries continues to be implemented. The escalation of the course of confrontation is combined with attempts to complicate East-West political dialogue and drag out the talks in Geneva and Vienna on arms limitation and disarmament.

In this dangerously exacerbated and extremely contradictory situation peace-loving mankind greeted with a sense of the deepest satisfaction the fact that the top representatives of the socialist community states put forward an important new initiative in the interests of improving the international situation. In their Moscow appeal they express the profound conviction that the deterioration in the international situation and the danger of the world's slipping toward nuclear catastrophe are in no way natural, inevitable phenomena.

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U.S. STRATEGIC BUILDUP 'NULLIFIES' REDUCTIONS

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[Text] At the Geneva talks with the Soviet Union on limiting and reducing strategic arms, the United States is trying to prevent reductions in strategic systems in which it has a superiority. One instance of this is its refusal to count strategic bombers in the total strategic balance. Vladimir Kazanskiy elaborates:

At present, the United States has several times more strategic bombers than the Soviet Union, and there all the signs that is is going boost its strategic forces and improve their quality. There is a radical modernization underway of the strategic bomber fleet. A new plane, the B-1B, is being adopted, and another of the stealth type is being developed at a fast pace. The bombers are to be armed with long-range cruise missiles. American press reports say there will be at least 20 missiles fitted on each bomber. Therefore, by the time the United States has carried out the program, its strategic forces will be expanded by another 8,000 nuclear missiles. The new cruise missiles would by far outstrip the so-called radical reductions that President Reagan has proposed in an effort to put himself forward as a champion of nuclear disarmament. He proposes a ceiling of 5,000 nuclear warheads on all other components of the strategic forces of the United States and the Soviet Union, except aviation.

But what the United States is undertaking in the field of aviation not only nullifies the proposed missile warhead reductions, but would give America considerable superiority. The ceiling of 5,000 nuclear warheads on American missiles plus 8,000 nuclear cruise missiles on American bombers, this is the disarmament formula suggested by Washington.

It is not only figures though that matter. Bombers carrying nuclear cruise missiles are a kind of strategic arm of especially destablizing effect because many of the American heavy bombers are constantly on patrol duty in the air in the immediate proximity of the borders of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries. In the latest Pentagon exercises -- code-named Global Shield '83 -- held to practice (?action) in delivering a first nuclear strike, several hundred American strategic bombers were in flight at the same time. It is easy to imagine what formidable threat to peace would be posed by a flying juggernaut of this kind armed with thousands of long-range nuclear missiles. It is not surprising, therefore, that Washington has been so intransigent on the question of reducing aviation nuclear-delivery vehicles, as the Soviet proposals call for. Clearly enough, aviation is central to its adventurist (?schemes) to gain military superiority.

The same explains why Washington has rejected another Soviet proposal outlining measures to prevent crisis situations and build up confidence with regard to aviation. What the USSR suggests is that heavy bombers of one side should be forbidden to fly in agreed-upon zones adjacent to other side and that the two sides should exchange early notification about massive bomber take-offs. But the Soviet proposals have remained overlooked by the White House.

On the whole, given President Reagan's attitude to bombers and cruise missiles, there is so much hypocrisy showing in his professed wish to scale down strategic levels. In Geneva, the United States is trying not to reach a mutually acceptable agreement based on the principle of equality and equal security, but to gain one-side advantages and keep its dangerous nuclear arms buildup proceeding along ever more (?new channels).

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